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hours, and in biology it was decided that six semester hours of college work were acceptable for students who had completed a year of biology in high school.

DR. W. W. ROWLEE, of Cornell University, gave an illustrated lecture on "Balsa Wood, its production and uses," at the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse, on April 2. The lecture included scientific data and experiences gleaned from an eight month's absence in Central America in the employ of the American Balsa Company.

DR. JOHN C. McVAIL delivered the Milroy Lectures before the Royal College of Physicians of London on March 13, 18 and 20; his subject being half a century of smallpox and vaccination. The Goulstonian Lectures, on the spread of bacterial infection was delivered on March 25, 27 and April 1, by Dr. W. W. C. Topley, lecturer on bacteriology Charing Cross Medical School and the Lumleian Lectures, by Sir Humphry D. Rolleston, on cerebro-spinal fever, were planned for April 3, 8 and 10.

JOHN E. JOHNSON, JR., a director of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, died on April 4 in Scarsdale, N. Y., of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile earlier in the day. Mr. Johnson was fifty-nine years old. He was the author of books on mining and metallurgical subjects.

DR. MARY SOPHIE YOUNG, for the past eight years instructor in botany and curator of the herbarium in the University of Texas, died on March 5 after an illness of a few week's duration.

THE executive committee of the American Federation of Biological Societies has called the annual meeting for April 24, 25 and 26, 119, at Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore, Md.

IT is announced that the German government has decided to return to China the astronomical instruments which were transported from Pekin to Germany in 1900. Negotiations have been opened for the shipping of the instruments to China.

## UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE legislature of Nebraska has recently appropriated for the College of Medicine at Omaha for the ensuing biennium a total of \$380,000. This amount includes the maintenance of the University Hospital.

A GIFT of \$5,000 for a scholarship in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University has been made by Mrs. Arthur A. Stilwell, of New York City, in memory of her son, Thomas Vincent Stilwell, who lost his life in the war.

FUNDS have been provided for a scholarship in the department of chemistry of the University of Chicago, to be called "The Joseph Triner Scholarship in Chemistry." It is to be assigned to a Czecho-Slovak graduate of the Harrison Technical School, Chicago.

MR. EMIL MOND has offered to the University of Cambridge £20,000 to be used for the establishment of a chair of aeronautical engineering. The chair is to be designated the Francis Mond professorship of aeronautical engineering after Lieutenant Francis Mond, the son of the donor.

PROFESSOR EDWIN J. BARTLETT, senior professor at Dartmouth College and son of a former president of the college, has resigned from the chair of chemistry which he has held since 1883, his resignation to take effect in 1920. Leave of absence for the second semester has been granted to him.

It is reported that Sir Arthur Newsholme, the distinguished British physician and author of works on the prevention of disease, has been offered the chair of public health at The Johns Hopkins University.

## DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE ON SOME PROBOSCIDEANS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

At a meeting of the Geological Society of America in Washington, at the close of the year 1902,<sup>1</sup> the question arose as to the former presence of the mammoth in New York. It was said that, when Theodore Roosevelt, as

<sup>1</sup> SCIENCE, Vol. XVII., p. 297.